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## **ARTS COMMISSION OFFERS ARTS GRANT WORKSHOP ON DEC. 2**

The City of Raleigh Arts Commission will be holding an arts grant workshop on Dec. 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the City's Urban Design Center, 133 Fayetteville St. Non-profit organizations interested in applying for a 2011-2012 arts grant from the City are required to attend the workshop.

At the workshop, City staff will review grant guidelines, the application process, and legal and fiscal requirements of grant recipients. Also, Dr. Michael L. Walden, a William Neal Reynolds Distinguished Professor in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at North Carolina State University, will be presenting a talk on the state of the local economy and its impact on the cultural sector.

The City's Arts Grant Program is the official vehicle for municipal support to Raleigh arts organizations. The program has been in operation since 1989, distributing more than \$19 million dollars to qualifying organizations.

The Arts Grant Program has been critical to the development of many of Raleigh's cultural organizations. It has helped bring stability to the city's arts community and provided leverage for groups to seek business, foundation and other agency matching grants. Arts and culture-related industries (collectively known as "creative industries") have provided direct economic benefits to Raleigh by creating jobs, attracting new investments, generating tax revenues and stimulating tourism and consumer purchases.

Subject to eligibility requirements, any nonprofit, tax-exempt organization with corporate headquarters located within the limits of the City of Raleigh may apply for an arts grant. To determine grant eligibility, organizations are requested to

review and download the grant guidelines, budget and application forms posted at [www.raleighnc.gov/arts](http://www.raleighnc.gov/arts) (click on “Grants” on the left side of the page to go to the Arts Commission webpage). Prior to submitting a grant application, all organizations must notify the Arts Commission Office of intent to apply and attend the Dec. 2 arts grant workshop.

Established in 1977 as the official advisory body and advocate for the arts to the Raleigh City Council, the Raleigh Arts Commission holds the distinction of being the first municipal arts commission created in North Carolina. Serving as the leading force to champion the arts with Raleigh citizens and their representatives, the Arts Commission’s myriad activities foster, support, and promote the arts in the Capital City.

For more information about the Arts Grant Program, contact Carol Mallette in the City of Raleigh Arts Commission Office at 996-3610 or [carol.mallette@raleighnc.gov](mailto:carol.mallette@raleighnc.gov).